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In view of the foregoing amendments, all pending claims are allowable, and an early and favorable action upon all the claims is hereby requested.

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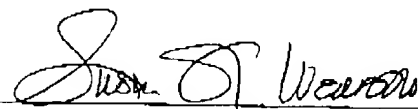
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